

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A skeleton structure member for use in a transport machine having multiple granules packed in a space inside a skeleton member of a transport machine and/or a space bounded by a skeleton member and a panel member around the ~~same~~ skeleton member,

~~characterized in that wherein,~~ to suppress excessive rising of the ~~an~~ internal pressure in of the space during increase of the ~~when that~~ internal pressure increases, a granule flow allowing part₁ into which the multiple granules can move₁ is provided close to the granules.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ skeleton structure member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the granule flow allowing part is provided inside the skeleton member and comprises a cavity forming member that defines ~~having a~~ cavity.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ skeleton structure member according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the cavity forming member is bellows-shaped.

4. (Currently Amended) A The skeleton structure member according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cavity forming member has a wall part having \a first end at which a load acts on the skeleton structure and a second end opposite to the first end, and wherein the cavity forming member wall part ~~that widens from with progress from an~~ the first end to the second ~~end at which a load acts on the skeleton structure member toward another end.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A The skeleton structure member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the granule flow allowing part comprises a foam member that is provided inside the skeleton member.

6. (Currently Amended) A The skeleton structure member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the granule flow allowing part comprises granules provided inside the skeleton member and wherein said granules provided inside the skeleton member are weaker in strength than said multiple granules.

7. (Currently Amended) A The skeleton structure member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the granule flow allowing part comprises multiple granule flow allowing parts of different lengths, said multiple granule flow allowing parts being provided inside the skeleton member.